



# The Clarion

Our mission is to welcome everyone, celebrate God's grace, and grow together as one church expressed in two languages.

Welcome to

## CLAIREMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH IGLESIA LUTERANA



### FROM EASTER TO PENTECOST: A JOURNEY OF RENEWAL

Dear Beloved Congregation,

As we gently step away from the celebratory glow of Easter, a beautiful transformation awaits us in our faith journey. The vibrant season of Pentecost is just around the corner, and I want to take this opportunity to reflect on the meaningful transition we are experiencing together.

#### The Significance of the Easter Season

Easter is a time of profound joy and victory, commemorating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We rejoice in the promise of new life, hope, and the assurance that death has been defeated. This season allowed us to connect deeply with the core of our faith, celebrating the incredible love God has for each of us. As we cherished moments of worship, fellowship, and reflection, we found comfort and strength in community.

#### Preparing for Pentecost

As we approach Pentecost — celebrated on May 24th this year — we prepare our hearts to receive anew the gift of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost marks the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, igniting a profound transformation that empowers them to spread the message of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.

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English – 9:30 am  
Español – 11:30 am

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June 2026  
**CLARION DEADLINE**  
Wednesday May 20 @ 4 p.m.

This transition is not merely a change of the church calendar; it invites us to reflect on our lives and the ways we can actively participate in the ongoing work of the Spirit. Here are a few themes to consider as we journey from Easter into Pentecost:

### 1. Celebration of Hope

Just as the resurrection offers us renewed hope, Pentecost calls us to trust in the Spirit's guidance each day. Let us commit to living in hope, anchored in the love of Christ and empowered by His Spirit.

### 2. Embracing Community

Pentecost birthed the church community into existence, uniting individuals from diverse backgrounds in a common mission. As we grow from the Easter spirit of fellowship, let us build connections within our congregation, reaching out to welcome newcomers and strengthen existing relationships.

### 3. Witnessing to Others

The disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit, boldly shared the good news of Jesus. We, too, are called to witness to our faith in our daily lives. This may involve sharing our stories, offering acts of service, or simply extending love and kindness to those around us.

### 4. Cultivating Spiritual Growth

As we prepare for Pentecost, consider new opportunities for spiritual growth. Whether through prayer, study, or community service, let us seek ways to deepen our understanding of the Scriptures and strengthen our relationship with God.

## **Celebrate Pentecost Together**

I invite you to join us on Sunday, May 24th, for our Pentecost service, where we will celebrate the wonderful works of the Holy Spirit together. This service will be a time of prayer, worship, and reflection on how God is calling each of us to live out our faith in the world.

In anticipation of this season, let us open our hearts to the leading of the Spirit, seeking ways to share God's love and grace with everyone we meet. Together, may we embrace this upcoming season of Pentecost with enthusiasm and purpose.

Blessings to you and your loved ones,

*P. Manuel Borbon*

## The American Flyboys Are Returning May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 P.M.

The American Flyboys are returning to Clairemont Lutheran on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> to provide you with an unforgettable concert. We last performed here in June 2024 for a fund-raising concert that garnered approximately \$15,000 for the church. This year's concert serves the same purpose – to raise funds for the congregation's needs and wants. But this year brings some exciting changes to our previous show.

Two years ago, we performed inside the Sanctuary and had a glorious time. There was a short intermission, and food was available in the Narthex with limited seating in the Chapel. It was a bit cramped, to say the least. This year, our concert will be outdoors on the church patio. There will be an intermission, but this year the food and drinks will be served inside the Fellowship Hall. Plenty of room to sit and rest your heart from the excitement of our music.

As you can imagine, the musicians have responsibilities beyond just playing in the band. That means sometimes we need substitutes to fill in when one of the regular musicians is unavailable. I've always tried to instill a sense of family in the Flyboys, and so to honor both the regulars and the substitutes, I'm inviting all the substitutes to play in this show. While the Flyboys are a 'big band,' this year they will be even bigger!



2026 has been a tough year for many people, partly because of inflation. It impacts all of us and makes us think about how we spend our money. I recently went to a restaurant and bought breakfast - eggs, bacon, toast, coffee, and a tip. The bill was \$26.50. It didn't really seem worth it, but it seems to be the cost of everything. (Too much money, not enough value).

I hope the American Flyboys concert will make you feel like you got your money's worth in terms of musical enjoyment and food. From the live music to the people you are with, along with the food to be served, together we will create an ambiance that inspires long-lasting memories.

I urge you to be generous with your giving! It would be awesome to exceed the donations from 2024. Whether we do or don't, just know that every contribution helps. More than anything, the event is about good times and great fellowship. I look forward to seeing all of you.

**Gary Jaus**

# Reach out of the Darkness

by **Bill Fredericks**

The decade of the 1960s was a very divisive time, primarily because of the war. It was so divisive that people were protesting, and three prominent leaders were assassinated. That sounds much like the present decade.

I recently heard a song that became popular in 1968, “Reach Out of The Darkness”. I didn’t recognize that song as one of those in my memory bank of songs. Maybe it was because at the time I was overseas. As I listened to the song, the words moved me. I think that it was played at just that time because God knew I would be listening.

The opening verse says:

- ·I knew a man that I did not care for,
- ·And then one day, this man gave me a call.
- ·We sat and talked about things on our mind.
- ·And now this man, he is a friend of mine.
- ·Reach out of the darkness
- ·And you may find a friend.

The refrain says:

- ·I think it’s so groovy now,
- ·That people are finally getting together
- ·I think it’s wonderful and how,
- ·That people are finally getting together.



In Matthew 22:37-40, a Pharisee asked Jesus, “What is the greatest commandment?” Jesus answered. “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”<sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment.<sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”<sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” The Pharisees, would have been taken aback by Jesus’ answer because they were the experts in interpreting the more than 600 laws of the Torah that practicing Jews were expected to follow. And Jesus told the experts that the only commandments a person must follow are to love God and love their neighbor. Do that and you will have upheld all the other laws as well.

In our time, what are we to make of Jesus' answer? We are often faced with the task of deciding, Who is our neighbor? Is it the person who lives next door? Is it the person who lives in the next town, the next state, the next country? Jesus' answer is, "All of the above." But what if the person doesn't agree with me? Is that person still my neighbor? Am I supposed to love them even if they don't believe what I do? Am I supposed to love them even if they have hurt me? Jesus tells us that the answer is Yes.

- We are to "sit and talk about things on our mind."
- We are to understand that "it's so groovy now, that people are finally getting together."
- "It's wonderful and how that people are finally getting together."
- We are to "Reach out of the Darkness." Amen.

## Calling all Bunco players!

When: 2nd Friday of every month.  
Where: Narthex  
Time: 1:00 p.m.  
\$5.00 Donation for charity and prizes.  
May 8 at 1:00 p.m.

**All are welcome**



## CLC/ILC MEN'S GROUPS



Meet once a month for fellowship, usually breakfast, and collaboration on various church projects.

**All men ages 15 and up are welcome!**

If you are interested in joining, please contact James Acosta or leave a message in the front office.

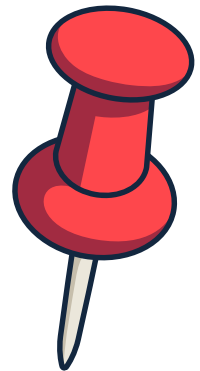
## Share Your Stories with The Clarion!

Have photos, event highlights, ministry updates, or personal reflections?

We'd love to include them in The Clarion! Help us tell the story of our church community.

✉ Send submissions to: [clarion.editor@clairemontlc.org](mailto:clarion.editor@clairemontlc.org)

📅 **Monthly deadline: the 20th**



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## When I heard Pastor Manuel's sermon on April 19<sup>th</sup>, I wanted to share my story...“I Told God That My Job Was Not Finished.”

**By Lisa Neal**

The doctors told me that I needed heart ablation surgery. I felt confident and relaxed about it, right up until the night before. Tim tried not to bother me so I could fall asleep before he came up to bed. Unfortunately, it did NOT work as planned! I spent an hour lying in bed, but couldn't doze off. I only panicked and cried. Meanwhile, Tim was still downstairs having his own panic attack. I asked him to come to bed and hold me, hoping that if we talked, we could both relax and get some sleep. We talked some, and I cried...A LOT! Finally, I relaxed (some) and stopped crying. Then, Tim went back downstairs to let me try to fall asleep. But still, I could not sleep.

I didn't know what to do next. I was no longer panicking, but still couldn't relax enough to sleep. Then I thought of something I hadn't tried. I prayed.

I asked God to guide the hands of my surgeon, to help my medical team perform their tasks. I asked God to turn his eyes to me and help me find the strength to get through my surgery. I told God that I was not ready to be taken from my family. I had two young children and they still needed me. Tim needed me. I had too much to do in life and too many people who relied on me. I told God that my job was not finished.



The moment that I prayed Amen, everything changed. I immediately felt warmth. I was suddenly calm and relaxed. It was clear that everything was going to work out in the best way possible. I rolled over and fell asleep.

I'm certain that the Holy Spirit was there with me that night. The Spirit calmed my fears, helped me relax and to get some rest...and most importantly, let me know that God heard my prayer and was there for me.

God's love is always there, wanting to have a conversation. Praise God!

Spring 2026: "The Promise of God's Name"  
by The Rev. Dr. Hannah Hawkinson

**Session Three - Resurrection and life: Leading us into abundant life (John 11 and 14)**

This final session revolves around the third dimension of I AM: God's promise to lead God's people into abundant life. From before creation to the time of Moses to today, this is God's enduring promise to God's people. In declaring that he is "the resurrection and the life," and "the way, the truth, and the life," Jesus is stepping into this grand tradition, reminding God's people to cling to God's promise, God's very holy name: I AM. God has promised to be with God's people – to abide with us, to guide us, to protect us, and to lead us into abundant life, now and forever.



**ALL are invited to attend the Gather Bible Study.**

Monday, May 12, at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**COMING UP IN 2026** 

• **May 3 - Rachel's Day**

Rachel's Day is observed by Women of the ELCA annually on the first Sunday in May, though it can be observed any time of the year. It is a time set aside to mourn the loss of our children and to renounce the forces of violence and fear.



- **The Summer Gather Bible Study**

Will be held on the **third Tuesday of June, July, and August at 10:30 a.m.** Pastor Manuel and/or Pastor Elena will be the leader.

This Bible study will follow the theme of the Triennial Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa.

The theme for the 2026 Triennial Gathering is “I Am Worthy,” based on Psalm 139:14: “I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” This statement serves as a reminder of God’s promise to be with us, even in times of devastation and division. By repeating the phrase “I am worthy,” we can recognize the Holy Spirit’s ongoing work in our lives. This practice of self-affirmation opens up opportunities for healing and restoration within ourselves, our church, society, and the world. When we declare, “I am worthy,” we align ourselves with God’s promises. There is great power in our resolve.



july 16-19, 2026 ✦ des moines, iowa

A dose of humor...

*What is the best way to study the Bible?*

**YOU LUKE INTO IT.**



1 down, 5  
more to go!  
Get your  
tickets  
before  
they're  
gone!



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Lutheran Church



**FELLOWSHIP,  
FUN & HOME RUNS**

Hang out and enjoy the  
company of the CLC community

FOR TICKETS AND MORE INFO CONTACT OUR  
OFFICE AT (858) 273-7423  
**MUST RSVP 30 DAYS PRIOR TO GAME DAY**

**2026 REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE**

- ✓ ~~5/1 vs. Yankees 6:40PM~~
- ✓ 5/26 vs. Phillies 6:40PM
- ✓ 6/23 vs. Braves 6:40PM
- ✓ 7/7 vs. Dbacks 6:40PM
- ✓ 8/11 vs. Brewers 6:40PM
- ✓ 9/8 vs. Nationals 6:40PM

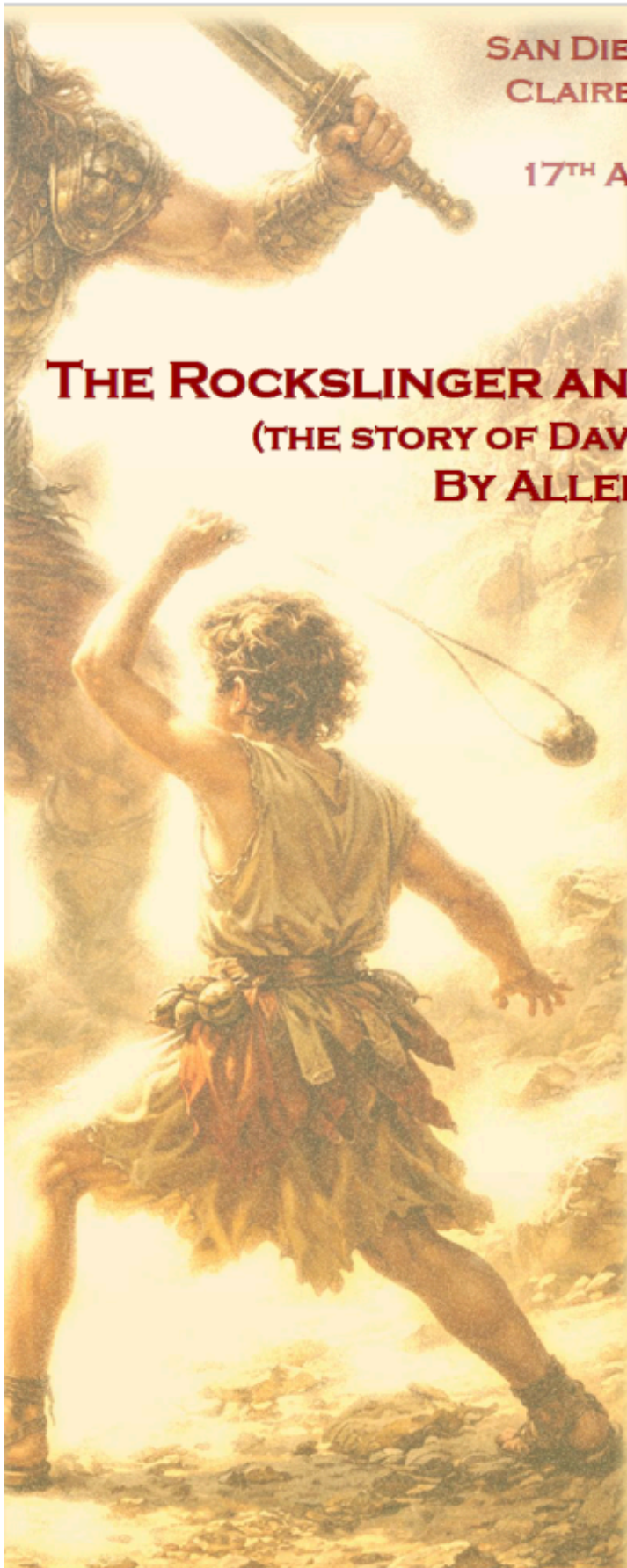
## MINISTRY OF HOLY COMMUNION VISITATION

Our church has several people (team) in this ministry who carry out a celebration of Holy Communion. We visit and take Holy Communion to members who are homebound, in a care facility, or in a hospital.

If you know of anyone who might want a visit, please contact **Kathy Reed** or leave a message with **Tanya in the office**.

**Remember that the ministry of caring is at the heart of the church's life.**





**SAN DIEGO CHORISTERS GUILD AND  
CLAIREMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PRESENT:  
17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER MUSICAL  
THEATRE CAMP!**

**THE ROCKSLINGER AND HIS GREATEST HIT  
(THE STORY OF DAVID AND GOLIATH)  
BY ALLEN POTE**

**Monday July 13<sup>th</sup>-Friday July 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30am-3:30pm**

**Free extended care available**

**Tuition \$100 Scholarships available**

**Performance Friday July 17<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm**

**For more information contact**

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Clairemont Lutheran Church Rise & Shine and  
GLEE Choirs Present Their Spring Concert:

Monday May 4th, 2026 6:30pm



Enjoy some of the most iconic Disney songs and the scripture lessons they illustrate

Featuring

**JUNGLE  
POPPINS**

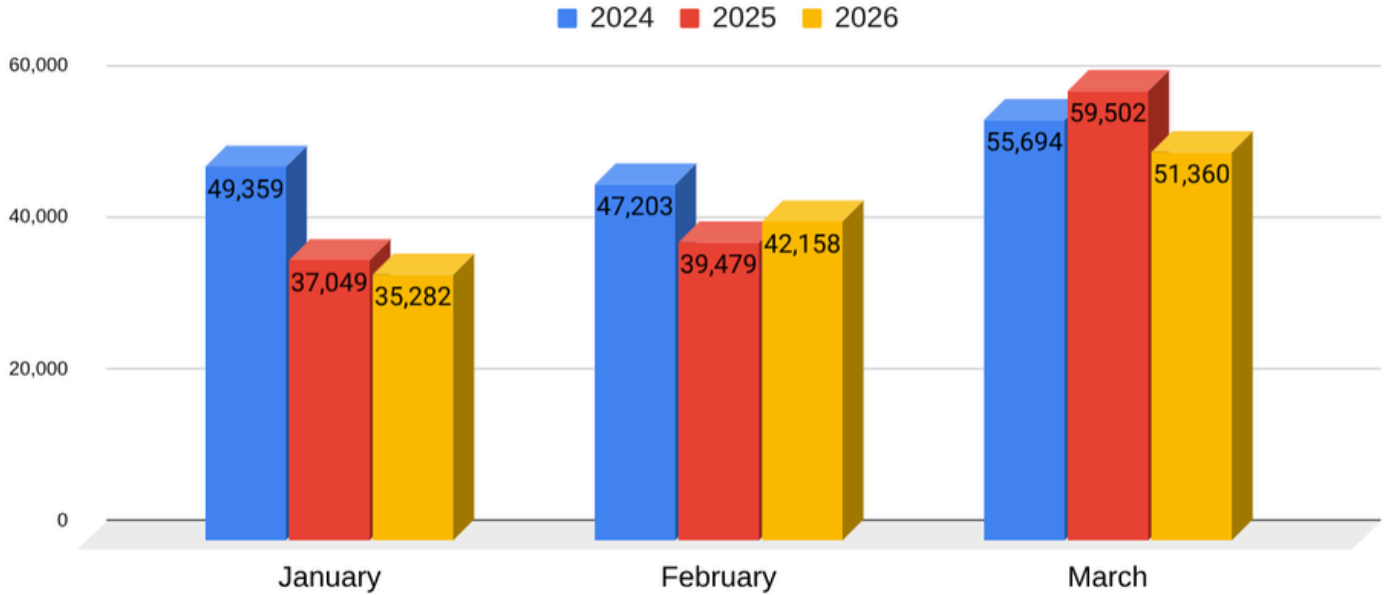
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# Church Business

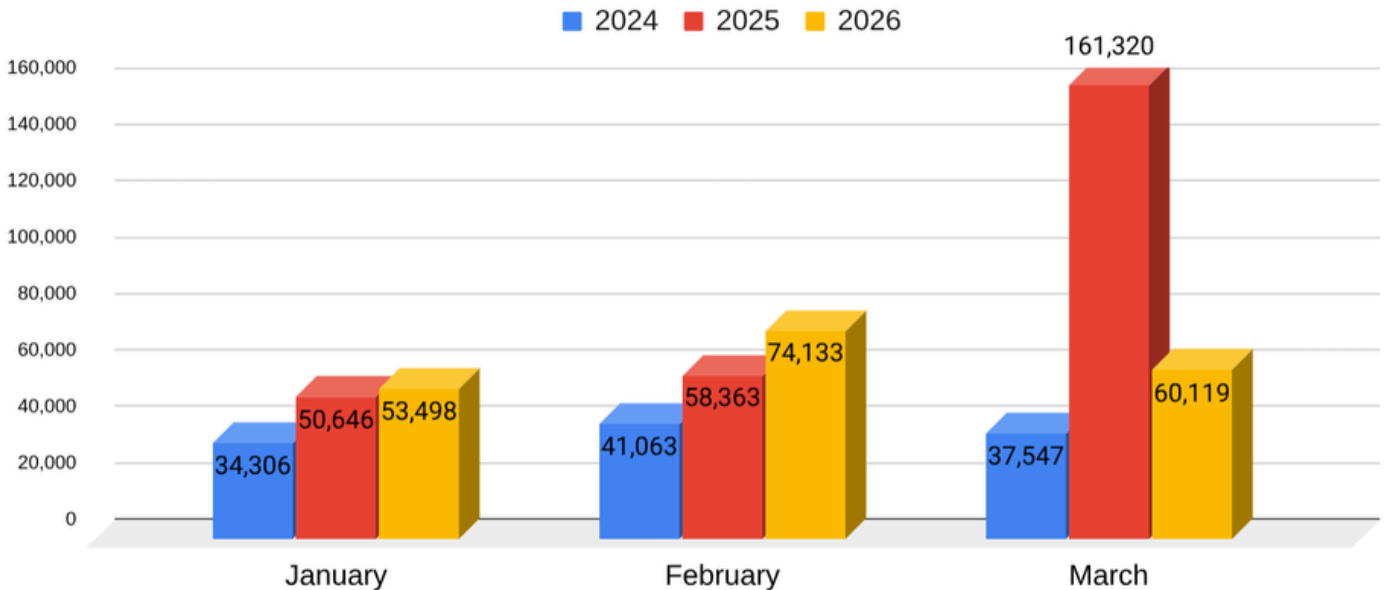
January, February, March  
Comparison of years 2024, 2025, 2026

## Total Income



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## Total Expenses



# BEYOND THE PEWS

*Living the Word wherever we go.*



## Youth Choir Fundraiser!

Our Youth Choir Easter Basket Fundraiser was a beautiful success! 🎉

Congratulations to all of our raffle winners — we hope you enjoy your baskets!  
Thank you to everyone who participated, donated, and supported our youth. Your generosity helps strengthen and grow our ministries. ❤️

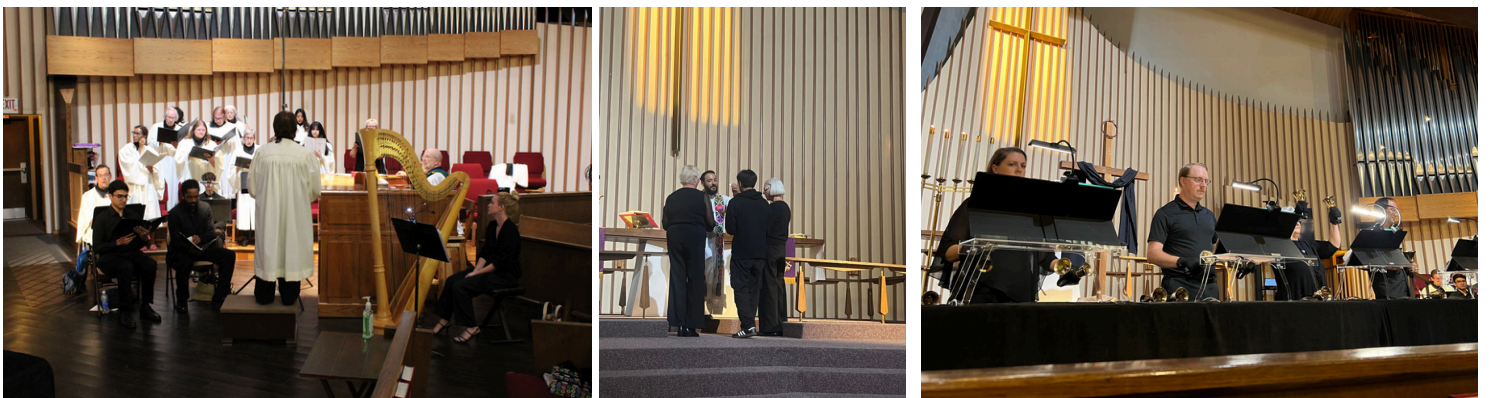
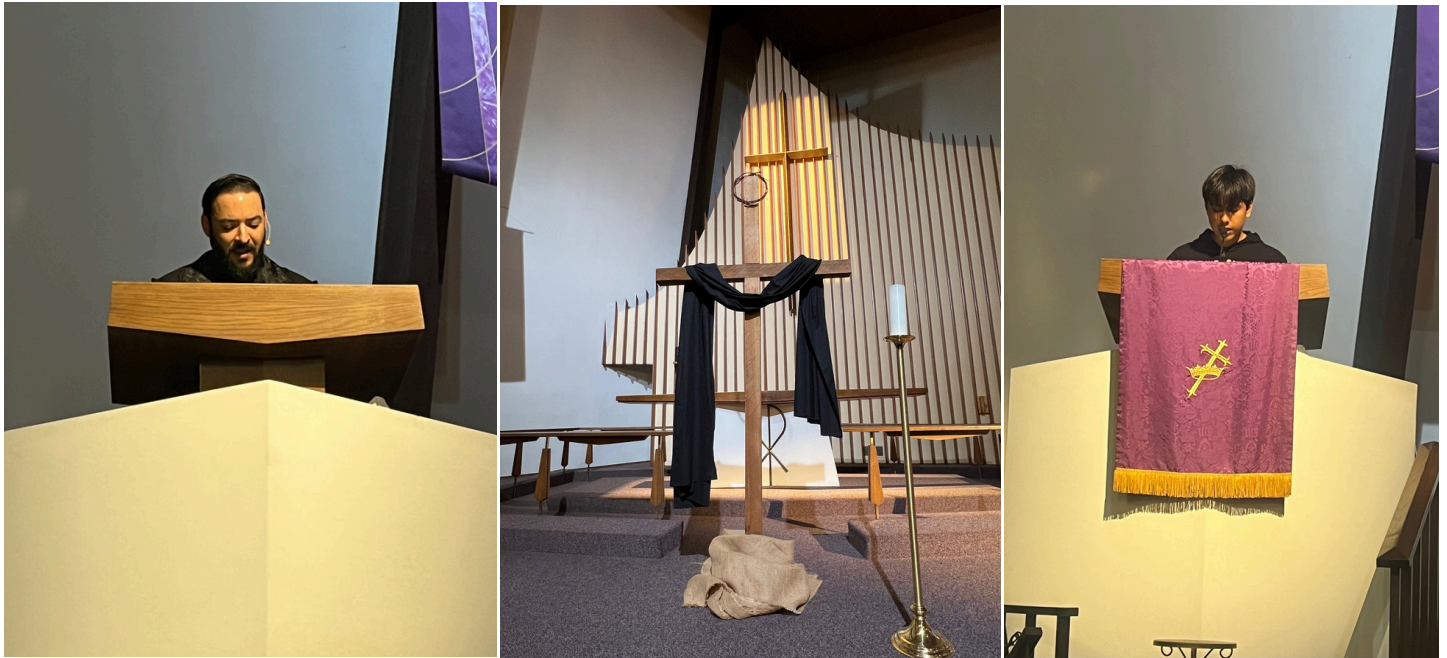
**Special thanks to Katy Lundeen for making it all happen!**



## Good Friday

On April 2, we gathered for a powerful moment of reflection—walking through darkness with faith, trusting in the light that awaited on Sunday.

The beauty of the music made this time even more meaningful.



## Easter Sunday. He is risen indeed! †

We gathered in worship and felt the presence of the Risen One — truly life-changing. With two services, one in English and one in Spanish, we celebrated together as one community in faith and joy.





## “Fellowship, Fun & Home Runs” 🏆

We attended our first game of the season as a community – and what a great time it was!

Join us for the next game as we cheer loud and try to make it on the jumbotron!




## Book Study: “When God and Cancer Meet”

We gathered for our first session with 27 participants, and were honored by the presence of Dr. Charles von Gunten, who offered an informative introduction on cancer to help lay the foundation for our study of the book.

Thank you to our organizers, Gary Jaus and Teresita Muñoz, for guiding this time together. We look forward to the impactful experience and meaningful time we will continue to share.



# May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>Choir Every Monday</b> <b>1pm AA</b> <b>5-6pm Glee Choir,</b> <b>6-7pm Esperanza Youth Choir</b> <b>7:30- 9pm Sanctuary</b>				<b>1</b> 8am – 12pm Food Distribution 1pm AA 6pm Al-Anon	<b>2</b> 7am SA
<b>3</b> 9:30am Worship Service 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español 1-1:30pm The messengers 1:30pm Rise & shine	<b>4</b> 1pm AA 6:30pm Scouts <b>6:30pm Children's Spring concert</b> 8pm AA Meeting	<b>5</b> 1pm AA 5-6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Handbell rehearsal 6:30pm Cub scouts 7pm Al Anon	<b>6</b> 10am Piece & Sew 12:-2:30pm southern Care 5:00pm Stephen ministry 6:00pm Cancer book study	<b>7</b> 8am Sandwich Ministry 10am MorningStar 1pm AA Meeting	<b>8</b> 8-12pm Food Distribution 1pm Bunco 1pm AA 6pm Al-Anon	<b>9</b> 7am SA 9:30am Altar Guild meeting
<b>10 Mothers Day</b> 9:30am Worship Service 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español 1-1:30pm The messengers 1:30pm Rise & shine	<b>11</b> 12:30pm Patience Bible Study 1pm AA 6:30pm Scouts 8pm AA Meeting	<b>12</b> 1pm AA 4:30pm Evangelism team 6:30pm Handbell rehearsal 6:30pm Executive Team 6:30pm Cub scouts 7pm Al-Anon 7:15pm Council meeting	<b>13</b> 12:-2:30pm Southern care 5pm Hospitality team 6:00pm Cancer book study	<b>14</b> 8am Sandwich Ministry 1pm AA Meeting 5:30pm Youth Group	<b>15</b> 8am – 12pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon	<b>16</b> 7am SA <b>10-2pm Pacifica Synod Regional Gathering</b>
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<b>24</b> 9:30am Worship Service 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español 1-1:30pm The messengers 1:30pm Rise & shine  <b>31 10am Bilingual service</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>Memorial Day</b> Office closed  1pm AA, 6:30pm Scouts 8pm AA Meeting	<b>26</b> 1pm AA 6:30pm Handbell rehearsal 6:40pm Padre vs. Phillies Game 7:00pm Al-Anon	<b>27</b> 12-2:30pm Southern care 6:00pm Cancer book study	<b>28</b> 8am Sandwich Ministry 1pm AA Meeting 5:30pm Youth Group	<b>29</b> 8-12pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6pm Al-Anon	<b>30</b> 7am SA

# CLC Volunteer Schedule - May 2026

## Lay Readers

- 5/3 Janet Wood, Karen Creusere
- 5/10 Lynn Ten Eyck
- 5/17 Emilie Lauchmen, Chelsea Lundeen
- 5/24 Susan Gjerset
- 5/31 Gary Lange, Erika Ayala



## Communion Assistants

- 5/3 Bonita Martinez, Gary Lange, Holly Boyle, Josua Purba
- 5/10 Nancy Groesbeck, Sarah Groesbeck
- 5/17 Pam Allen, Sandra Logan, Rita Leatherman, Curtis Cline
- 5/24 Gary & Aida Jaus
- 5/31 Josua & Rohany Purba **Bilingual Service**

## Welcome Team

- 5/3 Pam Allen, Thomas Knepple, Sandra Logan
- 5/10 The Purba Family, Emilie Lauchmen
- 5/17 Teresa & Gabriel Muñoz, Nancy Groesbeck, Holly Boyle
- 5/24 Sandra Logan, Rita Letherman
- 5/31 Kathy Reed, Pam Allen **Bilingual Service**

- Lewis John TenHulzen 5/1
- Bill Fredericks 5/3
- Rohany Purba 5/4
- Russell Higgins 5/5
- Nancy Groesbeck 5/7
- LaRae Rabe 5/9
- Nancy Teichert 5/12
- Scott Hove 5/14
- Dottie Engel 5/15
- Gabrial Munoz 5/15
- Katy Jones 5/20
- Anna Hernandez 5/21
- Sarah Groesbeck 5/21
- Maura Borbon 5/23
- Princess Mora 5/30



- 5/3 Gary Lange
- 5/10 Teresa Muñoz
- 5/17 Pam Allen
- 5/24 LeRoy Bannach
- 5/31**

## Media Team

- 5/3 Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little
- 5/10 Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little
- 5/17 Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little
- 5/24 Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little
- 5/31 Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little



**Rita Leatherman**  
&  
**Harriet Carmona**